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SAMPLE FROM AN ARRAY OF)
SAMPLES AND A CUTTING TOOL FOR)
USE WITH THAT APPARATUS)

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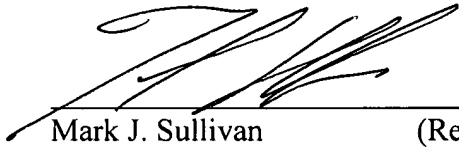
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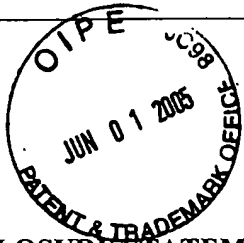
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